

Listing of Claims

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A system of regulating receipt of electronic mail comprising:
 - a. ~~capturing means to capture an outgoing electronic mail message;~~
 - b. an outgoing electronic mail analysing means analyser to capture an outgoing electronic mail message, to determine an electronic mail address of at least one intended recipient of the outgoing electronic mail message;
 - e. ~~list updating means and~~ to update a pass list of electronic mail addresses with the at least one intended recipient of the outgoing electronic mail message;
 - d. ~~incoming mail capture means to capture incoming electronic mail messages;~~
 - e. b. an incoming electronic mail analysing means analyser to capture an incoming electronic mail message to determine whether an electronic mail address of a sender of the incoming electronic mail message is a member of the pass list and to forward the incoming message to an intended recipient when the address of the sender is a member of the pass list; and
 - f. analysing means to determine a probability that the incoming message is an unsolicited message when the address of the sender is not a member of the pass list and for forwarding the incoming message to the intended recipient when the a determined probability is sufficiently low less than a predetermined probability that the incoming message is an unsolicited message.
2. (Currently Amended): The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~list updating means~~ includes dating means to outgoing electronic mail analyser dates a member of the pass list with a date on which a message was last sent to the member.
3. (Currently Amended): The system as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a pass list purging means purger to purge the pass list of members to which a message has not been sent for a predetermined period of time.

4. (Currently Amended): The system as claimed in claim 1, ~~further including deletion means to wherein the incoming electronic mail analyser deletes an incoming message for which the analysing means analyser determines the probability is sufficiently high that the incoming message the probability is higher than the predetermined probability that the message is an unsolicited message.~~
5. (Currently Amended): The A method of regulating receipt of electronic mail comprising the steps of:
 - a. capturing an outgoing electronic mail message;
 - b. analysing the outgoing electronic mail message to determine an electronic mail address of at least one intended recipient of the outgoing electronic mail message;
 - c. updating a pass list of electronic mail addresses with the at least one intended recipient of the outgoing electronic mail message;
 - d. capturing an incoming electronic mail message;
 - e. analysing the incoming electronic mail message to determine whether an electronic mail address of a sender of the incoming electronic mail message is a member of the pass list;
 - f. passing the incoming electronic mail message to an addressee when the electronic address of the sender of the incoming message is a member of the pass list;
 - g. filtering the incoming message to analyse a probability that the incoming message is an unsolicited message when the address of the sender is not on the pass list; and
 - h. when ~~the a determined~~ probability is ~~sufficiently low~~ less than a predetermined probability that the incoming message is an unsolicited message, forwarding the message to the addressee.
6. (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the step of updating a pass list includes updating the pass list with a latest date on which a message has been sent to an address, for subsequent purging of addresses to which messages have not been sent within a predetermined period of time.

7. (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the incoming message is deleted when the determined probability is ~~sufficiently high~~ higher than the predetermined probability that the message is an unsolicited message.
8. (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium comprising code means for regulating receipt of electronic mail comprising:
 - a. capturing an outgoing electronic mail message;
 - b. analysing the outgoing electronic mail message to determine an electronic mail address of at least one intended recipient of the outgoing electronic mail message;
 - c. updating a pass list of electronic mail addresses with the at least one intended recipient of the outgoing electronic mail message;
 - d. capturing an incoming electronic mail message;
 - e. analysing the incoming electronic mail message to determine whether an electronic mail address of a sender of the incoming electronic mail message is a member of the pass list;
 - f. passing the incoming electronic mail message to an addressee when the electronic address of the sender of the incoming message is a member of the pass list;
 - g. filtering the incoming message to analyse a probability that the incoming message is an unsolicited message when the address of the sender is not on the pass list; and
 - h. when ~~the a determined~~ probability is ~~sufficiently low~~ less than a predetermined probability that the incoming message is an unsolicited message, forwarding the message to the addressee.
9. (Currently Amended): The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 8, wherein the step of updating a pass list includes updating the pass list with the latest date on which a message has been sent to an address, for subsequent purging of addresses to which messages have not been sent within a predetermined period of time.
10. (Currently Amended): The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 8, wherein the incoming message is deleted when the determined probability is ~~sufficiently~~

~~high~~ higher than the predetermined probability that the message is an unsolicited message.